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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 489

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 489 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
5 34-18.48 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.48 new)

7 Sec. 34-18.48. Basic skills class.

8 (a) The board shall establish a basic skills class for
9 students in each of grades 4, 5, and 6. If a 3rd grade student
10 is at least 2 grade levels behind in reading or mathematics,
11 based on an assessment of the student's reading and mathematics
12 skills, the student must be placed in a basic skills class when
13 he or she is in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades until he or she
14 completes 6th grade or attains reading or mathematics skills
15 that are at or above the 6th grade level, whichever occurs
16 first.

1 (b) The basic skills class shall serve those students who
2 at the end of 3rd grade are not performing at grade level in
3 reading or mathematics by furnishing those students with a
4 separate classroom environment in which they can be given
5 additional assistance and instruction in reading or
6 mathematics with the goal of attaining reading or mathematics
7 skills at or above the 6th grade level upon the completion of
8 6th grade. The basic skills class must not be classified as a
9 special education class.

10 (c) The State Board of Education shall create the
11 appropriate curriculum for the basic skills class, establish
12 learning objectives for students in a basic skills class, and
13 provide lesson plans for the basic skills class."